

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method to be performed in a computer system having stored therein an electronic document that has an existing association with another electronic document ~~and not with at least one unassociated document among multiple electronic documents~~, the method comprising:

displaying a view of a selected electronic document on a graphical user interface, there having previously been defined for the selected electronic document one of several types of intrinsic associations with at least one other electronic document ~~and not with at least one unassociated document among multiple electronic documents~~, the types of intrinsic associations including at least a first intrinsic association type where the selected electronic document is a follow-up of the other electronic document, and a second intrinsic association type where the other electronic document is a follow-up of the selected electronic document; and

displaying on the graphical user interface, while displaying the view of the selected electronic document, an input control having a user-selectable command that 1) identifies the other electronic document, and 2) identifies the intrinsic association that has previously been defined by stating which of the selected electronic document and the other electronic document is a follow up of the other, and that 3) upon selection causes a view of the other electronic document that is intrinsically associated with the selected electronic document to be displayed on the graphical user interface, the input control displayed separately from the selected electronic document in the graphical user interface and configured for being used with any of multiple electronic documents displayed in the graphical user interface.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the user-selectable command is displayed in response to a user selecting the input control in a toolbar of the graphical user interface.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected electronic document is intrinsically associated with each of a plurality of the multiple electronic documents, and wherein the method further comprises displaying on the graphical user interface a plurality of user-selectable commands in the input control for displaying views of the plurality of electronic documents, each of the plurality of user-selectable commands identifying the respective intrinsic association.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the intrinsic associations between the selected electronic document and each of the plurality of electronic documents belong to any of the several types of intrinsic associations.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the method further comprises grouping the plurality of user-selectable commands according to the several types of intrinsic associations.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the selected electronic document and the plurality of other electronic documents form a hierarchy.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein one of the several types of intrinsic associations provides navigation upward in the hierarchy.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein one of the several types of intrinsic associations provides navigation downward in the hierarchy.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a predetermined input upon a user selecting the user-selectable command; and
in response to receiving the predetermined input, displaying on the graphical user interface the view of the at least one other electronic document.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising ceasing to display the view of the selected electronic document upon displaying the at least one other electronic document.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising displaying another user-selectable command in the input control on the graphical user interface that identifies the intrinsic association and causes the view of the selected electronic document to be displayed on the graphical user interface.

12. (Currently amended) A computer program product tangibly embodied in a computer-readable medium, the computer program product including instructions that, when executed, cause a processor to perform instructions comprising:

display a view of a selected electronic document on a graphical user interface, there having previously been defined for the selected electronic document one of several types of intrinsic associations with at least one other electronic document ~~and not with at least one unassociated document among multiple electronic documents~~, the types of intrinsic associations including at least a first intrinsic association type where the selected electronic document is a follow-up of the other electronic document, and a second intrinsic association type where the other electronic document is a follow-up of the selected electronic document; and

display on the graphical user interface, while displaying the view of the selected electronic document, an input control having a user-selectable command that 1) identifies the other electronic document, and 2) identifies the intrinsic association that has previously been defined by stating which of the selected electronic document and the other electronic document is a follow up of the other, and that 3) upon selection causes a view of the other electronic

document that is intrinsically associated with the selected electronic document to be displayed on the graphical user interface, the input control displayed separately from the selected electronic document in the graphical user interface and configured for being used with any of multiple electronic documents displayed in the graphical user interface.

13. (Original) The computer program product of claim 12, wherein the operations further comprise:

receive a predetermined input upon a user selecting the user-selectable command; and
in response to receiving the predetermined input, display on the graphical user interface the at least one other electronic document.

14. (Currently amended) A computer program product tangibly embodied in a computer-readable medium, the computer program product including instructions that, when executed, generate on a display device a graphical user interface for user navigation between electronic documents that have an existing association with each other ~~and not with at least one unassociated document among multiple electronic documents~~, the graphical user interface comprising:

a document display area wherein a view of a selected electronic document can be displayed, there having previously been defined for the selected electronic document one of several types of intrinsic associations with at least one other electronic document ~~and not with at least one unassociated document among multiple electronic documents~~, the types of intrinsic associations including at least a first intrinsic association type where the selected electronic document is a follow-up of the other electronic document, and a second intrinsic association type where the other electronic document is a follow-up of the selected electronic document; and

an input control having a user-selectable command that 1) identifies the other electronic document, and 2) identifies the intrinsic association that has previously been defined by stating which of the selected electronic document and the other electronic document is a follow up of the other, and that 3) upon selection causes, while the view of the selected electronic document is

being displayed, a view of the other electronic document that is intrinsically associated with the selected electronic document to be displayed in the document display area, the input control displayed separately from the selected electronic document in the graphical user interface and configured for being used with any of multiple electronic documents displayed in the graphical user interface.

15. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the graphical user interface further includes a toolbar with the input control, wherein the user-selectable command appears in a menu that is displayed on the graphical user interface upon user selection of the input control.

16. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the selected electronic document is intrinsically associated with each of a plurality of the multiple electronic documents, and wherein the input control in the graphical user interface includes a plurality of user-selectable commands for displaying views of the plurality of electronic documents, each of the plurality of user-selectable commands identifying the respective intrinsic association.

17. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the intrinsic associations between the selected electronic document and each of the plurality of electronic documents belong to any of the several types of intrinsic associations, and wherein the plurality of user-selectable commands is grouped according to the several types of intrinsic associations.

18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the selected electronic document and the plurality of other electronic documents form a hierarchy.

19. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein one of the several types of intrinsic associations provides navigation upward in the hierarchy.

20. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 18, wherein one of the several types of intrinsic associations provides navigation downward in the hierarchy.